

after we have finished on 722 we will proceed to LB 653.
LB 722.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first motion I have on 722 is by Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp would move to suspend Rule 5, Section 8; Rule 7, Section 3 and vote without further motions or amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I was hopeful that when we advanced LB 722 yesterday we settled the issue. I think everything there was, at least I thought everything there was had been voted on one or two times. It was always my concern that if you pulled out the string, so to speak, the thing would begin to fold. We did agree on one thing and that was pretty well agreed upon by the body almost a week ago and that was the ADC pregnant women, unborn children. So, nobody truly viewed that as breaking the package or violating what had kind of been understood or agreed on. I thought yesterday, I truly thought when we had our little meeting back there and then we sat down and reached an agreement that they would have an up or down vote on the various groups, the Commission on Women and the others, all of which have ample merit, all of which do a wonderful job, but for policy reasons and economic reasons and based on merit and otherwise, we decided not to fund. I thought when we agreed to have that vote on that that settled the issue and it was over. I thought that was the understanding with Senator Beutler and with the variety of supporters. And, now there are a number of amendments up there to undo all of that. That is why yesterday I put the suspension of rules motion up here immediately after the bill advanced in the hopes that it would simply lock things in place, keep the proposal as it was, and let it be voted on on Final Reading next week as early as possible and we can get over to the Governor and get the budget issue decided. However, ran into a bit of a problem. The one issue that didn't get voted on was the, what do you call it, rapid...not rapid transit but mass transit, hey Conway, I'm thinking here, the mass transit issue. I made a commitment that I would defer and let my motion or let that go ahead of my motion, my motion to suspend. Well if I do that it apparently opens the whole thing. But, if I don't do that I breach my word. So, reluctantly, reluctantly, I am going to put my motion to suspend or any motion to suspend behind these other things